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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 2001

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XL, GY

SUBJ: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED "CARIBBEAN BASIN"
MEETING

REF: GEORGETOWN 1932

1. FONMIN RAMPHAL TLD ME NOV 7 ABOUT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN PRE-
PARATION FOR PROPOSED "CARIBBEAN BASIN" MEETING SINCE OUR CONVERSA-
TION OCT 25 (REFTEL).

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2. HE SAID THAT AT MEETING NOV 4 IN NEW YORK CHAIRED BY GOG PERMREP

TO UN, THERE WERE ADDITIONAL EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR IDEA QUOTE IN PRINCIPLE END QUOTE, BUT NOT ENOUGH GOVTS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO ALLOW ESTABLISHMENT OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND FIRM DATE. CONSENSUS OF MEETING WAS TO ASK GUYANA TO COME UP WITH DRAFT OF DECLARATION WHICH WOULD EMERGE FROM MEETING, AS WELL AS ELABORATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, TENTATIVE AGENDA, ETC. GUYANESE PERMREP GOT AGREEMENT TO SET UP WORKING GROUP OF FIVE GOVTS TO COLLABOR-
ATE ON DEVELOPING THESE ITEMS, AND RAMPHAL HAS SINCE OBTAINED AGREEMENT OF FOL GOVTS TO SERVE ON WORKING GROUP: CUBA, GUYANA, PANAMA, TRINIDAD-TOBAGO AND VENEZUELA. RAMPHAL CONCLUDED THAT WHILE HE IS STILL COVINCED THAT MEETING WILL FULFILL REAL NEED AND WILLBE SUPPORTED BY GOVTS INVOLVED, IT NOW APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT IT WILL TAKE PLACE, AS HE HAD HOPED, PRIOR TO MARCH 1975 MFMM IN BUENOS AIRES.

3. WE ARE FORWARDING VIA POUCH TO DEPT (ARA/CAR) COPIES OF WORKING DOCUMENTS RELATED TO OCT 4 AND NOV 4 MEETINGS IN NEWYORK, INCLUDING TEXT OF RAMPHAL'S SPEECH AT OCT 4 MEETING.

4. COMMENT: WHILE RAMPHAL HAS BEENVERY FORTHCOMING IN KEEPING US INFORMED ABOUT THIS GOG PROJECT, AND HAS BEEN AT SOME PAINS TO DISPEL ANY NOTION THAT EXCLUSION OF US FROM VENUE OF MEETING SHOULD BE REGARDED AS INDICATING HOSTILE INTENT TOWARDS USG, I CANNOT HELP BUT REGARD MAKE-UP OF WORKING GROUP WITH MISGIVINGS. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT KIND OF DRAFT DECLARATION EMANATES FROM THAT BODY.
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